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Notice CRP-386

For: IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, and SD State and County Offices

Farmable Wetlands Pilot (FWP) Program Provisions

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

The FY 2001 Agricultural Appropriations Act authorized the Farmable Wetlands Pilot (FWP) Program for the enrollment of certain wetlands and buffer acreage on a pilot basis into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Notice CRP-384 provides that signup for FWP will begin on June 4, 2001, in the following States:

- Iowa
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- South Dakota.

Offers will be accepted on a modified continuous signup basis until the earlier of the following:

- 500,000 acreage limitation is reached
- State acreage allocation is reached
- December 31, 2002.

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Disposal Date

January 1, 2003

Distribution

Above State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, and NRCS State Offices

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Purpose

This notice provides the following for enrollment in CRP under FWP:

- policy
 - practice writeups
 - conference calls.
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FWP Fact Sheet

A fact sheet for FWP will soon be available on FSA's internet site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>.

2 Producer and Land Eligibility

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States Authorized for FWP

The following States may enroll eligible acreage into CRP through FWP:

- Iowa
 - Minnesota
 - Montana
 - Nebraska
 - North Dakota
 - South Dakota.
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Ownership Eligibility

An owner is eligible to offer land for enrollment in FWP if the owner meets 1 of the following requirements:

- owned the land for 12 months before CRP-2 is filed
- acquired the land by will or succession as a result of death
- acquired the land under circumstances other than for placement in CRP under FWP, as determined by the FSA National Office.

Notes: Ownership eligibility requirements are satisfied if there is any combination of continuously leasing and owning the same "person" during the 12-month period before CRP-2 is filed.

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2 Producer and Land Eligibility (Continued)

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Eligibility for Operators

An operator is eligible to offer land for enrollment in FWP when the operator meets both of the following requirements:

- operated the land for 12 months before CRP-2 is filed
- provides satisfactory evidence, as determined by the County Committee (COC), that control of the land will continue uninterrupted for the CRP-1 period.

Note: Satisfactory evidence may include any of the following:

- statement signed by the owner
- written lease for the appropriate time period
- owner's signature on CRP-1.

Operator eligibility requirements shall be satisfied if there is any combination of leasing and owning by the same "person" during the 12-month period before CRP-2 is filed.

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Cropping History Requirements

Eligible cropland for wetlands (CP27) and associated buffer (CP28) includes cropland that is both of the following:

- planted, COC-approved prevented planted, or considered planted to an agricultural commodity during any 3 of the previous 10 crop years, 1991 through 2000

Notes: Acreage for which a producer received a crop insurance indemnity payment for prevented planting shall be considered planted for that year for CRP cropping history purposes.

Field margins that are incidental to the planting of crops, such as turnrows, field borders, and center pivot corners, are eligible to be offered. Field margins do not include other areas within a field.

Acreage that received planted and considered planted (P&CP) credit for crop acreage base (CAB) protection is considered planted for purposes of CRP cropland eligibility.

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2 Producer and Land Eligibility (Continued)

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Cropping History Requirements (Continued)

- physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity in a normal manner during a normal cropping season.

Note: COC's determination must be based on whether the cropland could be planted to an agricultural commodity in a normal manner during a normal cropping season.

Acreage permanently under water is ineligible to be offered for enrollment in FWP.

3 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility

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Acreage Limitations

The statute limits participation in CRP under FWP to:

- 500,000 acres in all eligible States in subparagraph 2 A
- not more than 150,000 acres in any 1 State in subparagraph 2 A

State allocations are as follows:

- Iowa - 100,000 acres
- Minnesota - 100,000 acres
- Montana - 25,000 acres
- Nebraska - 75,000 acres
- North Dakota - 100,000 acres
- South Dakota - 100,000 acres.

See paragraph 6 for controlling the acreage allocation.

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3 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility (Continued)

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25 Percent Cropland Limitation

The 25 percent cropland limitation applies to FWP. County Offices must update the total county cropland acreage in the CRP software using the System/36 Farm Summary File according to Notice CRP-385.

When all acreage enrolled in CRP exceeds the 25 percent limitation and a waiver has not been approved, County Offices shall:

- announce the FWP signup
- notify all producers that only offers for continuous signup practices, including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and land physically located in a county that has not reached or exceeded the 25 percent limitation will be processed
- ensure that offers for acreage physically located in the county are not processed, except continuous signup practices .

Note: COC shall immediately reject all offers for acreage physically located in the county, except continuous signup practices, including CREP, and inform the producer using CRP-26.

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Authorized Practices

Practices authorized for continuous signup enrollment in CRP under FWP are:

- CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland
- CP28, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer.

See Exhibit 1 for practice writeups for CP27 and CP28.

Note: Offers for CRP under FWP must include both CP27 and CP28. Neither CP27 nor CP28 may be enrolled as a separate practice.

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3 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility (Continued)

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Eligibility Criteria for CP27 and CP28

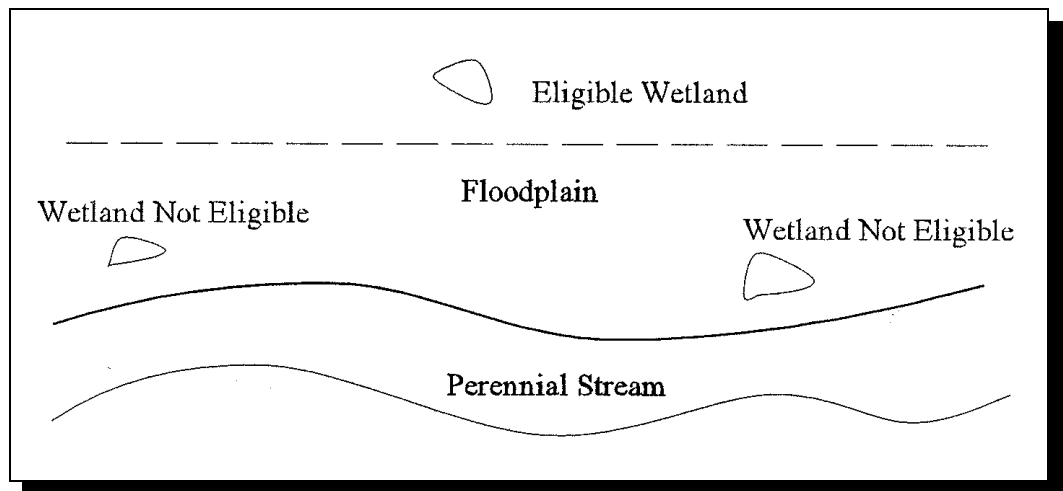
Cropland designated as cropped wetlands, or prior converted wetlands, as determined by NRCS, not to exceed 5 acres per wetland, may be enrolled in the CRP under FWP.

Note: Cropped wetlands are farmed wetlands and wetlands farmed under natural conditions.

Any cropped or prior converted wetland, or land in a floodplain, is not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP that is identified on either of the following:

- the Final National Inventory Map, as determined by NRCS
- a 1- to 24,000 scale United States Geological Survey (USGS) map, as determined by NRCS, if no area is delineated on the final wetland inventory map.

Example:



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3 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility (Continued)

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CP27 Acreage Limitations

The maximum size of any 1 wetland (CP27) is 5 acres. Wetlands greater than 5 acres in size are not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

Note: The total of all wetlands on an offer may exceed 5 acres.

Examples: A producer has a 5.5 acre wetland. The producer wants to offer 5.0 acres of the 5.5 acre wetland for enrollment in FWP. Because the total wetland is greater than 5.0 acres in size, it is not eligible for enrollment in FWP.

A producer offers a .5 acre wetland, a 2.0 acre wetland, and a 3.0 acre wetland for enrollment in FWP. Because no wetland is greater than 5 acres, all wetlands (5.5 acres) may be enrolled if all other eligibility requirements are met. Associated buffers must be enrolled for the wetland acreage.

Neither CP27 nor CP28 may be enrolled as a separate practice.

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CP28 Acreage Limitations

The maximum size of any associated buffer (CP28) enrolled in CRP under FWP is the larger of:

- 3 times the size of the wetland
- an average of 150 feet surrounding the wetland.

Note: The total acreage of each associated buffer must not exceed the size limitation.

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3 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility (Continued)

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CP28 Acreage Limitations (Continued)

The minimum size of any associated buffer (CP28) enrolled in CRP under FWP is 30 feet surrounding the wetland.

Examples: A producer offers a 2 acre wetland (CP27) for enrollment in CRP under FWP. NRCS determines that the associated buffer (CP28) necessary to protect the wetland is 4 acres. CP28 does not exceed 3 times the size of the wetland (6 acres); therefore, both CP27 and CP28 are eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

A producer offers a 2 acre wetland (CP27) for enrollment in CRP under FWP. NRCS determines that the associated buffer (CP28) necessary to protect the wetland is 8 acres. Because the buffer exceeds 3 times the size of the wetland acreage, CP27 and CP28 are ineligible for CRP under FWP.

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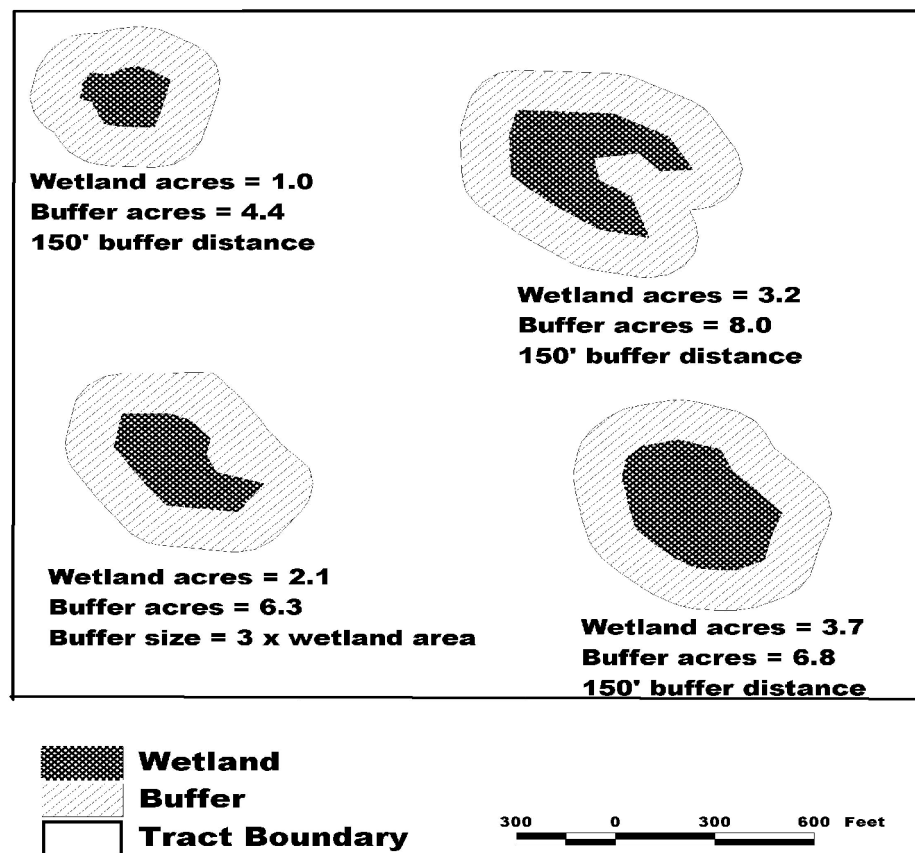
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Tract Limitation Enrollment in CRP under FWP is limited to no more than 40 acres per tract. The combined total acreage of wetland (CP27) and associated buffer (CP28) cannot exceed 40 acres per tract.

Example:

Tract 2101 = 160 acres
Total CP27 = 10 acres
Total CP28 = 25.5 acres
Total of Enrolled Practices = 35.5 acres



Note: The associated buffer may be the larger of an average of 150 feet, or the 3 to 1 ratio.

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4 Processing Offers

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CRP-1's and CRP-2's

County Offices shall follow 2-CRP, Part 5, for processing CRP-1's and CRP-2's for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

For FWP, follow 2-CRP, subparagraph 104 C, for completing CRP-2.

Exceptions: NRCS shall enter the total number of eligible acres offered on CRP-2, item 18 under "Continuous Signup Other Acres". Write "FWP" in the block.

County Offices shall calculate a 20 percent per acre incentive of the per acre weighted average soil rental rate (SRR) for all acres of CP27 and CP28. Enter the result of CRP-2, item 31, multiplied times the applicable incentive percentage in CRP-2, item 32.

County Offices shall record any 3 years of cropping history for the 10 applicable years in CRP-2, items 40 C through G. It is not necessary to list more than 3 years to determine cropping history eligibility.

Note: See Exhibit 2 for an example of CRP-2.

B

Contract Duration and Effective Date

The CRP-1 period for CRP contracts under FWP for both CP27 and CP28 is 10 to 15 years.

The effective date of CRP-1 is the 1st of the month following the month COC approves the contract.

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Program Year

The program year is the FY in which the first payment is earned.

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Continuous Signup Number

For acreage enrolled in CRP under FWP, County Offices shall use continuous signup number 23 until October 1, 2001.

Continuous signup numbers change the beginning of every FY.

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4 Processing Offers (Continued)

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Software

Contract software will be updated in a future release to include CP27 and CP28.

5 Payments

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**Annual Rental
Payment**

Producers receive annual rental payments on the land that is enrolled under FWP. The annual rental payment is the sum of the following:

- calculated SRR
 - 20 percent of the calculated SRR
 - applicable maintenance incentive rate.
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**Cost-Share
Payments**

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover. See 2-CRP, Part 19.

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**Incentive
Payments**

The following incentives are authorized for CP27 and CP28:

- practice incentive payment (PIP)
 - signing incentive payment (SIP)
 - 20 percent of the weighted average SRR.
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5 Payments (Continued)

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Payment Example

A producer enrolls 3 acres of eligible wetlands and 9 acres of eligible buffer into CRP under FWP. The weighted average SRR for the 3 predominant soils is \$50 per acre. The producer's CRP-1 is for 14 years 2 months. The total eligible cost for the practice installation is \$2000.

The producer is eligible to receive the following payments.

Annual rental payment:

$\$50 \text{ per acre} + (20 \text{ percent incentive times } \$50 \text{ per acre}) + \$5 \text{ (maintenance rate)} = \65 per acre . Total annual rental payment = \$780 per year (\$65 times 12 acres).

SIP:

$\$10 \text{ multiplied times } 12 \text{ acres multiplied times } 14 \text{ years} = \$1,680$.

PIP:

Total eligible cost for installing the practice is \$2000. Producer received \$1000 (\$2000 multiplied times 50 percent) in cost-share. \$1000 is listed on AD-862, item H 2. PIP is calculated by multiplying AD-862, item H 2, times 80 percent. PIP is \$800.

6 Controlling State Allocations

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Introduction

In each authorized FWP State, eligible acreage may be enrolled up to, but shall **not** exceed, the allocation listed in subparagraph 3 A.

A process is being established for County Offices to report, through the FSA Intranet, FWP acreage and related information as CRP-1's are approved by COC. This reporting process will be used to ensure that State acreage allocations are not exceeded. Data reported by County Offices will be transmitted to their State Office and the Conservation and Environmental Programs Division (CEPD).

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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

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County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- report enrolled FWP acreage and related information:
 - as soon as possible following COC approval
 - for each individual CRP-2
 - according to subparagraphs C through E
 - ensure that all information, especially acreage, is reported accurately
 - report corrections according to subparagraph G.
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Accessing FWP Selection Menu

Access the FWP Selection Menu according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Select and double click the Netscape icon from the desktop.
2	In the “Location” field at the top of the screen, type the address “ http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepdsto.htm ”. The State Office CRP Information Center page will be displayed.
3	Click on bookmarks and select “ Add bookmark ”.
4	Click on Option 16, Farmable Wetlands Pilot. The FWP Program Selection Menu will be displayed.

Note: Steps 1 through 4 must be completed only 1 time. Afterwards, access the menu by performing Step 1, click on “Bookmarks”, select “CEPD’s State Office Information Center”, and perform step 4.

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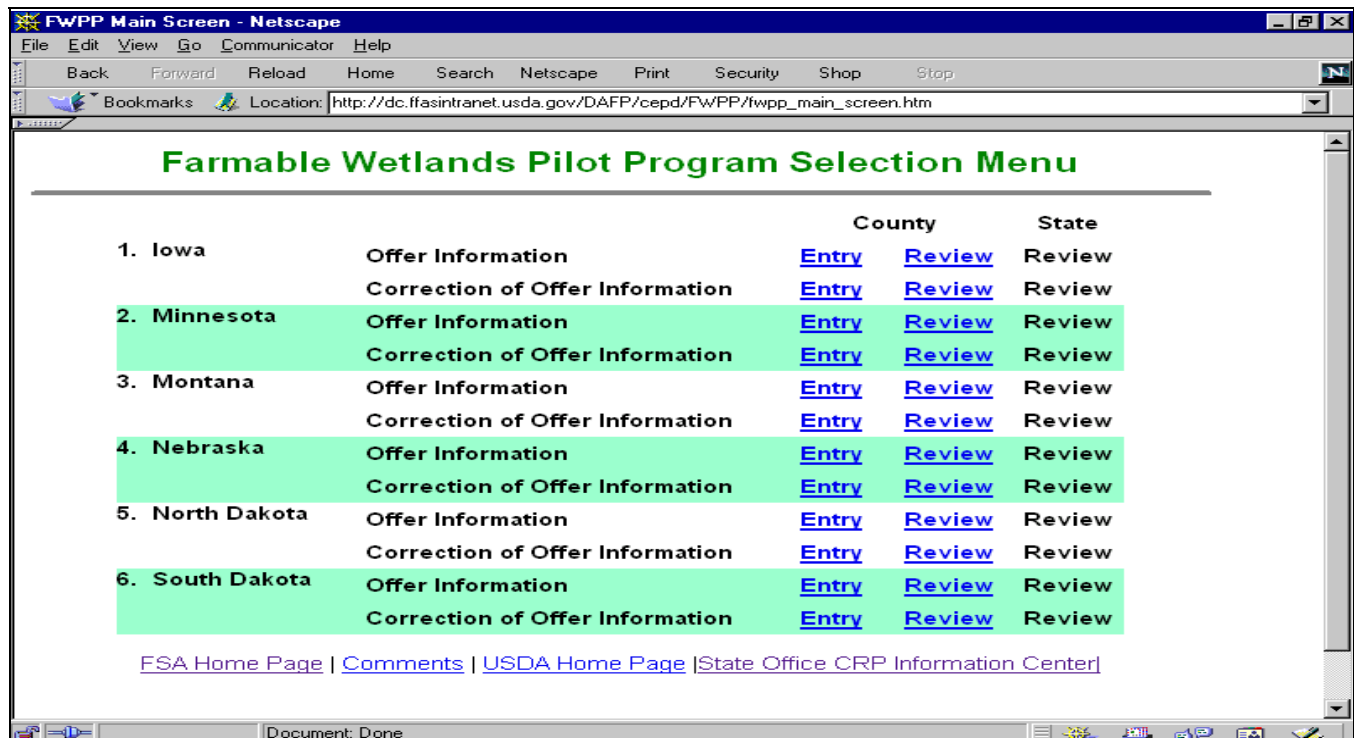
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Accessing FWP Selection Menu (Continued)

The following is an example of the FWP Program Selection Menu. The:

- first column lists authorized FWP States
- second column displays the following 2 types of information that can be reported:
 - offer information to be reported after COC approval
 - correction or corrections to previously entered offer information
- “County” column is where County Offices may select either of the following actions to perform:
 - “Entry” allows offer information to be entered for the first time or corrections to be made
 - “Review” allows original and corrected offer information to be viewed, but not modified
- “State” column is not applicable for County Offices.



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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

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Accessing FWP Program Tracking Screen

On the FWP Program Selection Menu, click on “Entry” for the applicable State.

The FWP Program Tracking Information Screen will be displayed as follows. This screen is where offer information is reported for each FWP CRP-1 approved by COC.

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window titled "FWP Acreage Entry - Netscape". The address bar displays the URL: http://dc.ffa.intranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/twpp/iafwp_acreage_entry.asp. The main content area is titled "Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program Tracking Information" in green text. Below the title, there are five numbered fields for data entry:

1. County Name:
2. CRP Acres Offered:
3. Farm Number:
4. Tract Number:
5. COC Approval Date: , ,

Below these fields are two buttons: "Submit" and "Reset". At the bottom of the form area, there are three hyperlinks: [Return to FWP Main Screen](#), [FSA Home Page](#), and [State Office CRP Information Center](#). The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates "Document: Done".

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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

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Entering FWP Information

For each approved offer, enter the requested information on the FWP Tracking Information Screen according to the following table. CRP-1 and CRP-2 for each approved offer will be needed to enter the requested information.

Step	Action
1	Click on the "County Name" arrow to display all counties in the State. With the mouse, highlight the administering county to be selected. The county selected will be displayed in the "County Name" box.
2	PRESS "Tab". Enter the acres from CRP-2, item 7 in the "CRP Acres Offered" field.
3	PRESS "Tab". Enter the farm number from CRP-2, item 4 A in the "Farm Number" field.
4	PRESS "Tab". Enter the tract number from CRP-2, item 1 in the "Tract Number" field.
5	PRESS "Tab". Enter the date COC approved CRP-1 as follows in the "COC Approval Date" field. Click on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first <i>down arrow</i> button to the right of the "5. COC Approval Date" box to display all of the months. With the mouse, highlight the approval month and release the mouse button on the month selected • second <i>down arrow</i> button to display the days of the month. Highlight the day of approval and release the mouse button on the day selected • third <i>down arrow</i> button to display the available years. Highlight the year of approval and release the mouse button on the year selected.
6	Verify that all information is correct. Notes: To correct an erroneous entry, click on the field to be corrected, and enter/select the correct entry. If all entries are incorrect, click on "Reset", which will clear all entries, and allow the process to be restarted. Reset may be used at any time during the entry process. PRESS "Submit" to transmit the data for the approved offer. A form confirmation will be displayed indicating that the information has been transmitted to the National and State Offices.

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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

E Entering FWP Information (Continued)

Step	Action
7	Click on "Return to the form". The blank entry form will be displayed.
8	Any of the following may be performed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat steps 1 through 9 to enter other offers. Click on "Return to FWP Main Screen" to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review offers that have been entered and submitted, see subparagraph F correct previously entered offer information, see subparagraph G. Click on "FSA Home Page" or "State Office CRP Information Center" to return to either of those options. Click on the "X" in the upper right corner of the screen to exit the Web browser.

F Reviewing Submitted Offer Information

At any time, all offer information that has been submitted to the National and State Offices may be viewed according to the following table.

County Offices shall periodically review information that has been submitted to ensure its accuracy. Correct any errors found according to subparagraph G.

Step	Action
1	From the FWP Program Selection Menu displayed according to subparagraph C, under the "County" column, click on "Review" for the applicable State. A screen will be displayed with a blank field at the top for entry of a State and county code.
2	Enter the State and county code of the county to be reviewed and click on "Submit Query". All offer information that has been entered for that county will be displayed. If there is more data entered than will fit on the screen, use the up and down scroll bars to view all of the data.

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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

**F
Reviewing
Submitted Offer
Information
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Step	Action
3	<p>Any of the following may be performed. Click on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Print” at the top of the screen to print the data • “Reset” to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set the State and county code field to blank • view a different county’s data by entering a new State and county code according to step 2 • “Back” twice to return to the FWP Program Selection Menu • “X” in the upper right corner of the screen to exit the Web browser.

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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

G

Correcting Erroneous Offer Information

County Offices shall correct any errors in offer information as soon as the error or errors have been discovered, even if the information has already been transmitted to the National and State Offices.

Access the Correcting FWP Program Tracking Information Screen according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Access the FWP Program Selection Menu according to subparagraph C.
2	On the FWP Program Selection Menu, under the “County” column, click on “Entry” for the applicable State. The Correcting FWP Program Tracking Information Screen will be displayed as follows. This is like the screen on which offer information is reported, but has additional fields along the right side to indicate if the entry is a correction.

FWP Acreage Entry - Netscape

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Back Forward Reload Home Search Netscape Print Security Shop Stop

Bookmarks Location: <http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/fwpp/iafwpcorrections.asp>

Correcting Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program Tracking Information

1. County Name: ☐ Correction

2. CRP Acres Offered: ☐ Correction

3. Farm Number: ☐ Correction

4. Tract Number: ☐ Correction

5. COC Approval Date: ☐ Month Correction
☐ Day Correction
☐ Year Correction

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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

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Correcting Erroneous Offer Information (Continued)

Correct offer information errors according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	<p>On the Correcting FWP Program Tracking Information Screen, enter all of the offer's information, regardless of how much of the information needs to be corrected. Enter all information correctly.</p> <p>Note: See subparagraph E for entering offer data.</p> <p>Example: Data for an approved offer was previously entered and submitted. Upon review of the data, it was discovered that the acreage originally entered was 13 and should have been 31.</p> <p>To make the correction, all data for the offer is re-entered. The acreage entered is 31 instead of 13.</p>
2	<p>On the right column of the screen, click the box beside the field or fields that have been corrected.</p> <p>Example: Continuing the example from step 1, the "Corrected" box for "CRP Acres Offered" is checked.</p>
3	<p>Verify that all data is correct, and click "Submit".</p> <p>This will transfer the entire offer information record, including the correction or corrections to the National and State Offices.</p>
4	<p>Any of the following may be performed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat steps 1 through 9 to enter other corrections. Click on "Return to FWP Main Screen" to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enter newly approved offers review offers that have been entered and submitted, see subparagraph F review corrected offers that have been submitted, see subparagraph H. Click on "FSA Home Page" or "State Office CRP Information Center" to return to either of those options. Click on the "X" in the upper right corner of the screen to exit the Web browser.

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6 Controlling State Allocations (Continued)

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Reviewing Submitted Corrections

Follow instructions in subparagraph F to review submitted corrections. The only difference will be in step 1 to click on “Review” beside “Correction of Offer Information” instead of “Offer Information”.

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State Office Action

State Offices shall be responsible for ensuring that State acreage allocations are **not** exceeded. Further instructions for monitoring allocations are forthcoming.

7 Training

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Conference Calls

CEPD will conduct training in a conference call to discuss any questions about policy and procedures related to FWP. A conference call will be held with all FWP States on Wednesday, **May 23, 2001**. Both NRCS and FSA State Offices should plan to participate in the conference call. Information about the time and conference call-in number will be provided later.

8 Action

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FSA State Office Action

FSA State Offices shall:

- immediately provide a copy of this notice to the following:
 - NRCS State Office
 - County Offices
 - ensure that the State acreage allocation is not exceeded
 - ensure that County Offices:
 - understand the purpose of CP27 and CP28
 - do **not** approve any CRP-1 for any practice that does not meet the requirements of the practice, including the purpose and size, according to Exhibit 1 of this notice
 - do **not** exceed the 25 percent cropland limitation.
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8 Action (Continued)

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County Office Action

FSA County Offices shall:

- immediately provide a copy of this notice to the local NRCS Field Office
 - **not** approve any CRP-1 for CP27 and CP28 that does not meet the requirements of the practice, including the purpose and size, according to Exhibit 1
 - not exceed the 25 percent cropland limitation
 - conduct outreach activities.
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NRCS State Office Action

State NRCS Offices shall ensure that NRCS Field Offices ensure that all CRP practices meet the requirements of the practice, including the purpose and size, according to Exhibit 1.

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NRCS Field Office Action

NRCS Field Offices shall ensure that all CP27 and CP28 practices meet the requirements of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) and the practice, including the purpose and size, according to Exhibit 1.

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NRCS National Office Concurrence

NRCS has concurred with this notice.

CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland

A**Purpose**

The purpose of this practice is to restore the functions and values of wetlands that have been devoted to agricultural use. Hydrology and vegetation must be restored to the maximum extent possible, as determined by USDA.

B**Program Policy**

Apply this practice to eligible wetlands located in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota, that are suitably located and adapted to the restoration of wetland functions and values. The restoration of the wetland hydrology and vegetation is required to the maximum extent possible.

For cropland to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP under FWP and be devoted to CP27, all of the following **must** be met:

- COC determines both of the following:
 - cropland meets cropping history according to subparagraph 2 D
 - an associated buffer (CP28) is offered
- NRCS determines if the cropped or prior converted wetland, or land in a floodplain is identified on:
 - the Final National Inventory Map
 - a 1- to 24,000 scale USGS map, if no area is delineated on the final wetland inventory map.

Any cropped or prior converted wetland, or land in a floodplain, that is identified on the Final National Inventory Map, or 1- to 24,000 scale USGS map, is not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

C**Size
Requirements**

The maximum acceptable size of any one CP27 is 5 acres. Wetlands greater than 5 acres in size are not eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

Note: The total of all wetlands may exceed 5 acres.

Example: A producer offers a 5.2 acre wetland. Because the total wetland is greater than 5 acres in size, the entire 5.2 acre wetland is ineligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP.

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CP27, Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland (Continued)

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Cost Share (C/S) Eligibility To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- only be enrolled under FWP
 - only be enrolled with an eligible associated buffer (CP28)
 - meet the cropping history requirements
 - be included in the approved conservation plan
 - be maintained for the life of CRP-1
 - restore the functional capability and values of the wetland.
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C/S Policy The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
earthmoving	to construct dams, levees, dugouts, or dikes needed to develop or restore the hydrology of the site	authorized.
eligible seed and seeding	for soils that are developed under a wetland ecosystem and substantiated as needed by COC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishment of permanent introduced grasses, forbs ,and legumes, trees, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to restore the functions and values of the wetland • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	

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CP27, Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland (Continued)

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C/S Policy
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IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	authorized.
structures, such as pipe, chutes, and outlets	to regulate flow necessary to install an effective practice, as determined by NRCS	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications needed until the required seeds or plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passed that a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately 	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.</p>	<p>authorized not to exceed the lessor of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 percent of the actual cost of the device \$1 per device.

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CP27, Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland (Continued)

E**C/S Policy
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IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing or roads		not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
clean tilling of firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelines		
tree or grass species	establishment for ornamental purposes	
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain cover	
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

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CP27, Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland (Continued)

F**Practice
Requirements**

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area shall not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1.
 - Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to develop or restore the wetland hydrology, and establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
 - The wetland shall be restored to the extent identified according to subparagraph B.
 - Chemicals used in establishing the practice must be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
 - Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
 - The practice must be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
 - The hydrology of the wetland must be maintained according to the operation and maintenance requirements for the practice standard.
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G**Planting
Timespan**

Planting or sowing of the approved permanent cover shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See 2-CRP, paragraph 210, for exceptions.

H**Environmental
Concerns**

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

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CP27, Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland (Continued)

I**Practice
Maintenance**

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
 - producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
 - the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.
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J**Associated
Practice**

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

K**Technical
Responsibility**

NRCS shall have the technical responsibility for this practice, except in those areas established to trees, the Forest Service or State Forestry Agency shall have the technical responsibility.

CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland Buffer

A**Purpose**

The purpose of this practice is to provide a vegetative buffer around wetlands (CP27) to remove sediment, nutrients, and pollutants from impacting the wetland and to provide wildlife habitat for the associated wetland.

B**Program Policy**

For cropland to be eligible to be enrolled in CRP under FWP and to be devoted to CP28, COC must determine both of the following:

- cropland meets cropping history according to subparagraph 2 D
- the cropland offered is adjacent to an eligible wetland (CP27).

CP28 is not eligible to be enrolled without CP27.

C**Size****Requirements**

The minimum acceptable width of the associated buffer (CP28) is 30 feet surrounding the wetland. CP28 may not exceed the larger of a maximum average width of 150 feet surrounding the eligible wetland, or 3 times the size of the eligible wetland.

Example: A producer offers a 3 acre eligible wetland (CP27) for enrollment in CRP under FWP. NRCS determines that the associated buffer (CP28) necessary to protect the wetland is 6 acres (2 to 1 ratio). CP27 and CP28 are both eligible for enrollment in CRP under FWP provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

The number of acres enrolled for any buffer (CP28) may be less than the maximum 3 to 1 ratio, or the average maximum width may be less than 150 feet.

D**C/S Eligibility**

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- be enrolled under FWP
 - be enrolled with the associated CP27 practice
 - be required by the approved conservation plan
 - meet the cropping history requirements
 - improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level
 - be maintained for the life of CRP-1
 - prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
 - maintain and enhance the functions and values of the wetland system.
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CP28, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer (Continued)

E**C/S Policy**

The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
eligible seed	<p>for soils that are developed under a grassland ecosystem that will not be covered by water anytime during a normal growing season and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing permanent native grass species • establishing permanent introduced grasses, legumes, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annuals as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	authorized.
eligible seeding	<p>for soils that are developed under a woodland ecosystem, except in areas that will be covered by water during no less than 60 calendar days of the normal growing season, and substantiated as needed by COC for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing hard mast-producing hardwoods adapted for living in wet conditions that will provide multi-purpose forest and wildlife benefits • establishing permanent introduced grasses, legumes, and native shrub species, where determined necessary to improve wildlife habitat • planting annual grasses, legumes, perennial native grass species, and softwoods, not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted, to serve as a nurse crop to prevent erosion while permanent cover is becoming established 	
seedbed preparation	substantiated as needed by COC, not including clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded	

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CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer (Continued)

D
C/S Policy
(Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">required in the practice specificationsneeded until the required seeds or plant stock is availableneeded because the normal planting period for the permanent cover crop has passedthat a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not allow establishment of the permanent cover immediately	authorized.
herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved conservation plan to establish the cover, but not for use as part of the maintenance of the cover	
mineral or nutrient	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
grading, leveling, and filling	to control concentrated flow and site preparation. Important: Grading, leveling, and filling does not include shaping or manipulation of the streambank.	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed the lesser of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">50 percent of the actual cost of the device\$1 per device.
herbicide, pesticides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover	not authorized.
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
streambank stabilization		
mineral or nutrient	to maintain cover or enhance production	

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CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer (Continued)

E**Practice
Requirements**

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area shall not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of the CRP-1.
 - Limit C/S to the minimum work and materials necessary to establish an adequate cover to improve environmental benefits.
 - Practice shall reduce nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants that are being delivered to the associated wetland (CP27)
 - Chemicals used in establishing the practice must be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied strictly according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
 - Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
 - The practice must be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.
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F**Planting
Timespan**

Planting or sowing of the approved permanent cover shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of CRP-1. See 2-CRP, paragraph 210, for exceptions.

G**Environmental
Concerns**

Consideration of water quality, wildlife, and other environmental concerns are to be evaluated in the planning and establishment of this practice.

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CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer (Continued)

H**Practice
Maintenance**

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1 according to the practice standards in FOTG.

C/S shall be refunded if any of the following apply:

- producer destroys the practice during the life of CRP-1
 - producer fails to maintain the cover during the life of CRP-1
 - the cover fails to provide adequate protection of water quality during the life of CRP-1, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.
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I**Associated
Practice**

This practice is only authorized with the associated practice CP27, Farmable Wetland Pilot Wetland, to ensure that the functions and values of the wetland are maintained for the length of the contract.

J**Technical
Responsibility**

NRCS shall have the technical responsibility for this practice.

CRP-2 for FWP

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CRP-2 Example

The following is an example of CRP-2. Complete CRP-2 for each offer for CRP under FWP according to paragraph 4 and 2-CRP, paragraph 104.

REPRODUCE LOCALLY. Include form number and date on all reproductions.										Form Approved - CMB No. 0560-0125													
CRP-2 (09-14-99)										U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency													
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET (See reverse for Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements.)										1. TRACT NUMBER 1963					2. PROGRAM YEAR 2001								
3A. SIGN UP NUMBER 23					3B. EFFECTIVE DATE 08/01/2001																		
4A. FARM NO. 1989		4B. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRODUCER Michael Tillman 246 Old Duck Lane Graysonville, USA				4C. CROPLAND 61.4		5A. STATE & COUNTY CODE ADMIN. LOCATION 99-999				5B. STATE & COUNTY CODE PHYSICAL LOCATION 99-999											
6. CONTRACT NO. 01-231						7. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT 36.0																	
4D. COUNTY OFFICE ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. (Include area code) Anycounty FSA Office 987 Main Street Anystate, USA 999-999-9999								8. IS COST-SHARE REQUESTED? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				9. RENTAL RATE PER ACRE OFFERED \$ 53.37 MT											
10. Will Forest Service Have Technical Responsibility for any Practice Offered? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				11A. ACRES UNDER ACTIVE CRP-1 N/A		11B. ACTIVE CRP-1 NUMBER(S) (Include Suffix) N/A				12. SIGNUP TYPE (Select one) STANDARD <input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTINUOUS CREP <input type="checkbox"/>													
13. TOTAL ALLOTMENT AND QUOTA N/A				14. REDUCTION FACTOR N/A		15. PEANUT REDUCTION ACRES N/A				16. TOTAL TOBACCO REDUCTION ACRES N/A													
17. PRACTICES										18. LAND ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY BY ACRES: (Enter the amount eligible for each criteria)													
A. PRACTICES		B. ACRES		C. ESTIMATED TOTAL C/S		D. LENGTH		HEL (El 8 or Greater)				Noncropped Wetland - Associated Acres											
CP27		9.0		3,450		15		National CPA				Scour Erosion											
CP28		27.0		1,452		15		State CPA - Air Quality				Water Bank Program Acres											
								State CPA - Water Quality				CREP Acres											
								State CPA - Wildlife				Continuous Sign Up Wellhead Protection Acres											
								Cropped Wetland - Associated Acres				Continuous Sign Up Other Acres FWP 36.0											
								Cropped Wetland - Wetland Acres				Continuous Sign Up Marginal Pasture Land Acres Devoted to Trees											
19. National Ranking Factors (for standard offers only)										20. N1 Subfactors (for standard offers only)													
N1		N2		N3		N4		N5		N6		N1a		N1b		N1c		N1d		N1e		N1f	
N/A												N/A											
21. N2 Subfactors (for standard offers only)										22. N4 Subfactors (for standard offers only)													
N2a		N2b		N2c		N2d		N4a		N4b		N5a		N5b		N5c							
N/A								N/A				N/A											
24. Soil Loss Tolerance		25. Erosion Index Water		26. Erosion Index Wind		27. HUA Number		28. Restored Wetland Acres		29. Reserved													
5		2		4		9999999999999999		9.0		N/A													
30. Soil Map Data and Maximum Payment Rate Calculations																							
A. Soil Survey ID No.		B. Map Unit Symbol		C. Acres		D. Soil Rental Rate		E. Total Rent															
(1) Primary 9999A		IKG		14.5		X \$ 35.00		= \$ 507.50															
(2) Secondary 9999B		CMF		10.0		X \$ 71.00		= \$ 710.00															
(3) Tertiary 9999C		TDC		5.5		X \$ 42.00		= \$ 231.00															
(4) TOTALS				30.0				\$ 1,448.50															
31. Weighted Average Soil Rental Rate (Col. E total divided by Col. C total)				32. Incentive (if applicable) (Item 31 X applicable incentive percentage)		33. Maintenance Rate		34. MAXIMUM PAYMENT RATE (Per Acre)															
\$ 48.28				+ \$ 9.66		+ \$ 5.00		= \$ 62.94															

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CRP-2 for FWP (Continued)

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CRP-2 Example
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CRP-2 (09-14-99) (Reverse)

35. Tract No.	36. Field No.	37. Crop or Land Use	38. Practice 1/	38. Crop Status 2/	40. Crop Land Use Summary						
					A. Offered Acres	B. Eligible Acres	C. 199 97	D. 199 95	E. 199 92	F. 199	G. 199
1963	1	corn-CP27-3.0 acres- C/S	NI	I	3.0	3.0	Corn NT	Corn MT	Corn CONV		
1963	1	corn-CP28-9.0 acres- C/S	NI	I	9.0	9.0	Corn NT	Corn MT	Corn CONV		
1963	3	corn-CP27-6.0 acres- C/S	NI	I	6.0	6.0	Corn NT	Corn MT	Corn CONV		
1963	3	corn-CP28-18.0 acres- C/S	NI	I	18.0	18.0	Corn NT	Corn MT	Corn CONV		
41. TOTALS					→ 36.0	36.0					

1/ IR = Irrigated
NI = Nonirrigated

2/ I = Initial Crop
DC = Double Crop
SC = Subsequent Crop
F = Failed Acreage
PP = Prevented Planted
APPF = After PP or F
A = Abandoned

42. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify to all of the following: (1) All of the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) factors and subfactors N1 through N6 have been explained to me; (2) I have been informed that planting an approved mixture of covers that benefit wildlife, enhancing the existing cover to provide a mixture that benefits wildlife, if applicable, and/or thinning existing trees and creating and maintaining open areas of approved herbaceous cover may enhance the acceptability of the offer; (3) I have been informed that if my offer to thin existing trees is accepted, the thinning must be completed within three years of the effective date of the contract regardless of market conditions or size of the tree; (4) I have been informed of the estimated cost of establishing the cover offered; (5) I have been informed that declining cost share assistance to establish the cover offered and/or offering a per acre rental payment less than the calculated annual maximum payment rate may enhance the acceptability of the offer; (6) I have been informed that if I decline cost share assistance I will be ineligible for cost share assistance; (7) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for a measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the CRP; (8) To the best of my knowledge and belief the acreage of crops and land listed herein, if applicable, are true and correct; and (9) The signing of this form gives USDA representatives authorization to enter and inspect crops and land uses and for other purposes on the above identified land.

I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.

PRODUCER'S SIGNATURE
/s/Michael Tillman

DATE
June 30, 2001

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